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1. The Polish and Russian occupied sections of East Prussia are separated by a border strip about ten kilometers wide from which all persons have been evacuated. No farming is permitted inside this strip, which has Soviet frontier guards along one side and Polish along the other.

2. The following stretches of railroad have been completely dismantled by the Soviets:

Landsberg (Gorzow Wielkopolski)(R55/Z61)-Heilsberg (Liebark)(R55/E79)
 Lyok (Elk)(S54/A86)-Allenstein (Olsztyn)(R54/E66)
 Lyck-Arys (Orzysz)(R54/A66)-Lotzen (Lec)(R55/A59)
 Königsberg (Kaliningrad)-Zinten (Q55/Z53)
 Arys-Johannisburg (Jansbork)(R54/A56)
 Königsberg-Rauschen (R55/V22)

3. At Königsberg (Kaliningrad) extensive work is being carried out on the former German Schichau docks. Ration cards in this city are issued to Germans only if they are employed.

4. Kreis Goldap, one of the three Masurian counties, now has about 200 families of settlers; its pre-war population was around 80,000 persons. The city of Goldap (R55/V82) has about 1,000 persons, mostly officers.

5. [REDACTED] the following on conditions in the Masurian area under Polish administration: "Everywhere the cities are depopulated and young people are rarely seen. Many families have practically no furniture and even in December the children go barefooted and half naked. Potatoes are the main item of the diet, and the children get little milk. The Polish Government has given out "Masurian cards" which are believed to be a step toward the granting of Polish citizenship. All public offices are held by Communists."

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6. The Polish Government is instituting easy conditions whereby non-Polish names can be changed to Polish.

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7. About 100,000 Ukrainians who objected to being returned to the USSR have been settled in the Polish administered section of East Prussia.

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